

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 552; and

Group II, claims 7-12, drawn to a method to make a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 22+.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-6.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact William L. Gates, Esq. (Reg. No. 20,848) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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